

Alaska Local and Regional Information

Workforce Info

Homer

Homer is a first class city located on the north shore of Kachemak Bay on the southwestern edge of the Kenai Peninsula. Homer is part of the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

- ♦ The estimated population for 2008 was 5,390, a gain of about 1,444 since the 2000 Census.
- ♦ About 52 percent of the resident population 16+ years old worked in 2008.
- ♦ Trade, Transportation and Utilities was the main industry in 2008, employing 24 percent of the area's workers.
- ♦ More workers were employed as Teachers and Instructors, All Other than any other occupation.

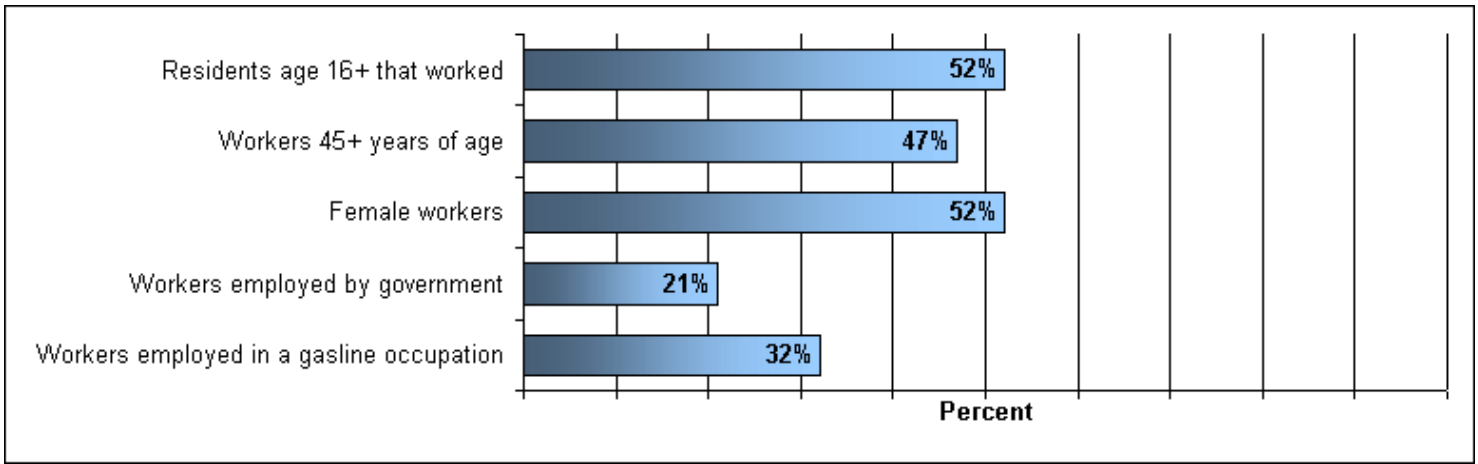
Please note: There is an important distinction between the local/regional employment data and our "standard" employment series. Most of these data reflect totals for area residents only. Total worker counts may be lower than expected in areas with a large number of nonresident workers. The Alaska Permanent Fund dividend file is used to determine the worker's geographic residence. Only Alaska residents (as defined by PFD application) are included in these totals. Also note that federal employees, the military, and the self-employed are not included in these data.

Homer Resident Snapshot (2008)

Working Age Residents		Wages	
Residents age 16+	3,263	Total wages	\$50,031,324
Resident Worker Characteristics		Resident Workers by Sector	
Total	1,695	Private	1,333
Male	805	State government	67
Female	887	Local government	295
Age 45+	795	Quarterly Number of Resident Workers	
Age 50+	612	Peak (2nd) quarter workers	1,483
		Percent working all 4 quarters	62.0%
Unemployment		Construction/AGIA Occupation Experience (2004-2008)	
UI Claimants	232	Some construction	311
		At least 1 year construction	167
		At least 2 years construction	97
New Hires		Worked in an AGIA occupation	1,241
New hires	618		

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2008 Residents

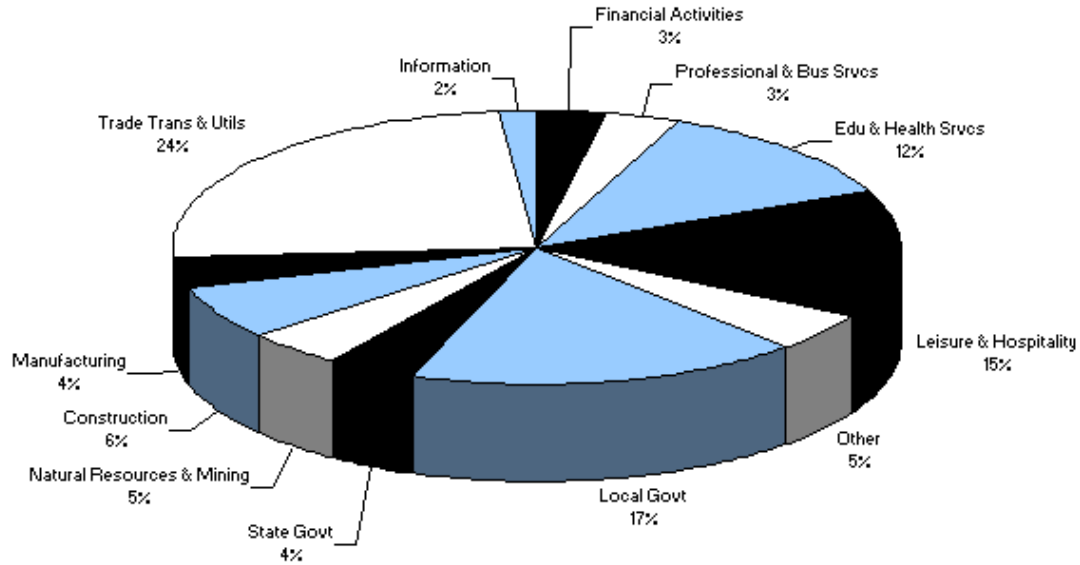


Top Occupations

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Teachers and Instructors, All Other	73	65.8%	50	42
Cashiers	49	59.2%	14	12
Retail Salespersons	48	66.0%	18	12
Office Clerks, General AGIA	41	78.0%	18	15
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners AGIA	41	90.2%	14	8
Recreational Therapists	37	64.9%	21	16
Receptionists and Information Clerks AGIA	33	90.9%	14	12
Meat, Poultry, and Fish Cutters and Trimmers	32	12.5%	9	5
Home Health Aides	30	96.6%	18	15
Construction Laborers AGIA HOT JOB	28	32.1%	6	5
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other AGIA	28	78.6%	12	9
Registered Nurses HOT JOB	27	92.6%	19	13
Food Preparation Workers AGIA	26	57.7%	4	3
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks AGIA HOT JOB	25	76.0%	17	12
Carpenters AGIA HOT JOB	22	0.0%	10	7
Food Preparation and Serving Related Workers, All Other	22	36.4%	2	1
Waiters and Waitresses	22	77.3%	5	3
Cooks, Restaurant AGIA	21	42.9%	5	3
Sailors and Marine Oilers	21	19.0%	6	4
Roustabouts, Oil and Gas	20	0.0%	5	3
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators AGIA HOT JOB	20	0.0%	13	10

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Resident Workers by Industry



Workers by Industry

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Natural Resources and Mining	77	13.0%	32	25
Construction	107	14.0%	45	34
Manufacturing	62	35.5%	15	9
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	413	36.4%	181	141
Information	28	64.3%	13	9
Financial Activities	52	78.8%	26	17
Professional and Business Services	56	32.1%	26	23
Educational and Health Services	201	79.5%	122	93
Leisure and Hospitality	257	68.9%	63	48
State Government	67	52.2%	36	25
Local Government	295	68.5%	202	163
Other	78	49.4%	33	25
Unknown	*	*	*	*

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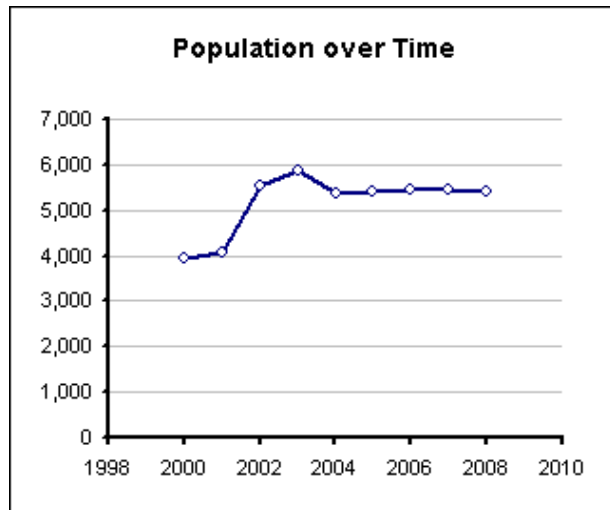
Recent Unemployment Statistics

	09/2009	10/2009	11/2009	12/2009
UI Claimants**	210	274	341	388

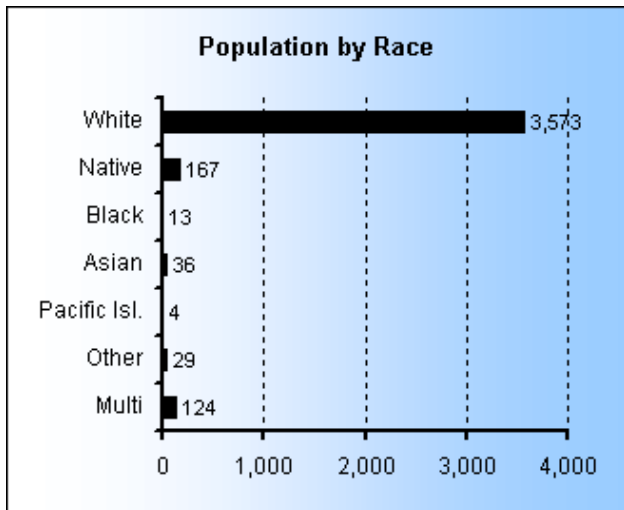
**UI claimants are individuals in this area who had an active claim at any time during the month.

Top Employers (ranked by number of workers)

Kenai Peninsula Borough School
South Peninsula Hospital Inc
Safeway Inc
SPBHS Inc
Homer City of
State of AK (excludes U of A)
Lands End Resort
Homer Senior Citizens Inc
Homer Electric Assn Inc
University of AK



2000 Census	
Median Age	38.8
Average Family Size	3.0
Average Household Size	2.4
Per Capita Income	\$21,823
Median Family Income	\$53,571
Median Household Income	\$42,821



(Note: Racial classification is based on self identification. The "Multi" category consists of those who claim to be members of more than one race. The "Native" category includes Alaska Natives and American Indians.)

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section
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